



# Meeting Notice

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Our next Zoom Meeting is on  
**Friday, April 16, 2021, 7:30 pm**

## Presenting This Month: Ronald Yee

The presenter of our April show is **Ron Yee** (ERA #5196), ERA second vice president and contributing editor of *The Bulletin's* Rail News in Review section. Ron's program will consist of scanned slides from the beginnings of his railfan photography days in the mid-1970s through 2004 when he started shooting with a digital camera. Included will be nostalgic views of:

- Commuter rail scenes in the NYC, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore-Washington regions
- Pittsburgh and Cleveland scenes with PCCs and long-retired rapid transit cars
- Chicagoland scenes of PCC 6000s and other long-retired CTA car fleets
- Illinois Central Electric Highliner MUs and Chicago, South Shore and South Bend 1920s and 1980s EMUs
- Toronto scenes of vintage PCCs, Peter Witts and then-new CLRVs as well as long-retired TTC subway cars
- A quick trip west to Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver
- Scenes from San Francisco's MUNI with PCCs, vintage streetcars and then-new Boeing SLRVs and BART
- U-2 Duetwags in San Diego and the Los Angeles Subway and Blue line LRT

Ron has been a railfan since his father introduced him to trains with a Lionel O-Gauge train set at the tender young age of two. He holds a graduate degree in transportation planning and engineering from the Polytechnic University of New York. Ron took a management position with the planning department of the then newly-formed Metro-North Commuter Railroad in 1983 and worked his way up to operations planning, first with train scheduling and then crew scheduling. He later transferred to the operating department, becoming manager of the crew dispatching center and finally the on-board services officer before retiring in 2013. Ron also helped plan and operate the five excursion trains the railroad operated in 2004–2006 including the Farewell to the ACMU trip and several FL-9 trips including the official FL-9 farewell trip.

## How to Join Our Zoom Meeting

Please go to ERA's website at [www.erausa.org](http://www.erausa.org) for the Zoom link to join. The home page with the evening's program will have the "Zoom Login" button for joining the Zoom meeting posted about five days before the meeting. The Zoom meeting becomes available for signing on at 7:15 PM. The show begins at 7:30 PM. If you have any problems getting in, email Bob Newhouser at [bnnyc1955@aol.com](mailto:bnnyc1955@aol.com), or even better, on the night of the meeting text or call Bob at 917-482-4235.

## Other Important Announcements: President Bob Newhouser

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